



The Georgia Senate This Week

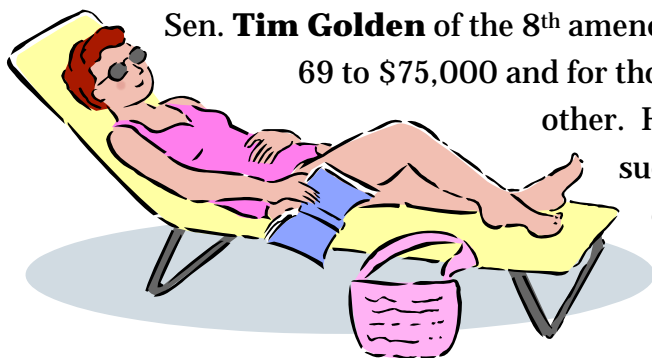
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Senate approves expansion of tax cuts for senior citizens, measure moves to House

A bill that Sen. **Casey Cagle** of the 49th says will encourage senior citizens to relocate and move to Georgia passed the Senate this week, extending the income exclusions on income tax for those over age 62.

Sen. **Cagle**'s measure, Senate Resolution 1085, which passed by a vote of 49-2, is a Constitutional Amendment and needed at least 38 votes for passage. The legislation originally would have given taxpayers over the age of 62 a break on the first \$50,000 of income in 2009. Starting this year, seniors will not have to pay taxes on the first \$25,000 of retirement income. Next year the amount increases to \$30,000 and in 2008 to \$35,000.

"This is the right decision," Sen. **Cagle** said. "We lose a lot of people, particularly retirement age individuals, who are moving out of our state. They are selling their homes and business and moving to Florida or another state in which they are not penalized for their personal income."



Sen. **Tim Golden** of the 8th amended SR 1085 to increase the amount for those 62 to 69 to \$75,000 and for those 70 and older to exclude all income – retired and other. However, Sen. **Doug Stoner** of the 6th was successful in amending Sen. **Golden**'s legislation to cap the income level at \$100,000 for those over the age of 70. He said the \$100,000 cap would cover 95 percent of all Georgians of retirement age.

"We don't need to give tax breaks to millionaires," Sen. **Stoner** said. "Ted Turner and Bernie Marcus don't need tax cuts."

"This is a good carrot to attract retirees to Georgia," Sen. **Golden** said.

If the House passes the Constitutional Amendment and Gov. **Sonny Perdue**, who supported the current exemptions, signs the legislation, it will be on the ballot in November to be approved by a majority of the voters.

"This is a great step to put this before the voters and allow them to change the tax code," Sen. **Cagle** said.

Senate passes introduces umbilical cord blood initiative

Saying he wants Georgia to be the “center of ethical research,” Sen. **David Shafer** of the 48th, proposed Senate Bill 596, legislation creating the newborn umbilical cord blood initiative for stem cell research. He amended the legislation on the floor for **Keone Penn**, a young man from Snellville who may have been cured of sickle-cell anemia with non-embryonic stem cells.

“Stem cell research efforts have been hampered by the controversy over embryonic stem cells,” Sen. **Shafer** said after the bill, which will be known as “**Keone’s Law**,” passed 54-0. “But stem cells are not found only in embryos. Umbilical cord blood is rich in stem cells, which can be used for research without destroying embryos. Using the cells from cord blood already has resulted in treatments for a wide range of diseases,” he went on to add. “Tragically, after most births, the umbilical cord is thrown away as medical waste.”

The measure creates the Georgia Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative, and directs it to create a newborn cord blood bank in partnership with one or more of the state’s public colleges or universities. The legislation also will provide counseling and information to pregnant women about the initiative, and how they can donate the newborn’s umbilical cord blood.

Senators agree, respect should be shown for dead

Legislation prohibiting people from protesting or otherwise disrupting a funeral passed the Senate in a bi-partisan manner, 55-0. Sponsored by Sen. **John Douglas** of the 17th, the measure forbids anyone from conducting a public assembly, parade, demonstration or other like event, either fixed or processional, within 500 feet of the ceremonial site or location being used for a funeral or memorial service at any time one hour prior to, during or one hour after the posted time for said funeral or memorial service.

“We need to be able to look these families in the face when we leave here this year, and this is a good way to tell them that we are with them,” Sen. **Douglas** said.

“It doesn’t trash the first amendment. But it does protect those families who have lost a child or a father a mother or a son fighting for our freedom. We should guarantee them the ability to have that service. They can protest all they want, but this bill should pass.”

- - Sen. John Wiles of the 37th

Sen. **Douglas** introduced the legislation after a Kansas church staged protests at funerals across the nation, including those of fallen soldiers and **Coretta Scott King**.

“It should not be necessary to address this issue, when it comes to the passing of a loved one, someone standing on the side of the road when you are at your highest level of grief, and saying despicable things about them,” Sen. **Robert Brown** of the 26th said. “There comes a point at which we have to look inwardly.

“I cannot look into the eyes of a family who has been subjected to this type of behavior, and say that I am not willing to do something in response to that.”

In Committee Action...

Agriculture and Consumer Affairs

The Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee did not meet this week.

Appropriations

The Senate Appropriations Committee did not meet this week.

Banking and Financial Institutions

The Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee did not meet this week.

Education and Youth

The Senate Education and Youth Committee did not meet this week.

Ethics

The Senate Ethics Committee did not meet this week.

Finance

On Tuesday, March 14, Chairman **Casey Cagle** of the 49th called the meeting to order to discuss eight bills. Rep. **Tom Graves** of the 12th presented *House Bill 1272*, which provides a sales and use tax exemption on supplies purchased by non-profit volunteer health clinics. Following questions from Sen. **Tommie Williams** of the 19th, Sen. **Eric Johnson** of the 1st and Chairman **Cagle**, the bill passed unanimously. Rep. **Jeff Lewis** of the 15th introduced *HB 1018*, which would remove the sales and use tax for biomass material used to generate electricity. **Tom Harrell** with Summit Energy also spoke on behalf of the legislation. The bill passed unanimously. *HB 1293* was introduced by sponsor Rep. **Richard Royal** of the 171st and affects bona fide conservation use property, providing for additional acts which constitute a breach of a conservation use covenant, but incur a reduced penalty. Rep. **Royal** noted that the legislation would be of particular benefit to senior citizens. The bill passed unanimously. Rep. **Fran Millar** of the 79th discussed his bill, *HB 1012*, which would require additional bond performance audits for cities, counties and authorities. **Clint Mueller** with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia spoke on behalf of the bill, which then passed unanimously out of committee. Rep. **Larry O'Neal** of the 146th introduced *HB 1310*, which provides for the comprehensive revision of provisions regarding revenue and taxation. He noted that the legislation brings Georgia in line with federal law and, in addition, is good for the State's small businesses. The bill passed unanimously out of committee. *HB 834*, introduced by Rep. **Jay Roberts** of the 154th, provides for a sales tax exemption on fuel purchased by swine raisers. The bill passed unanimously out of committee. Rep. **Martin Scott** of the 2nd presented *HB 1120*, which would make an inflationary adjustment to sales tax law. The bill passed unanimously. Chairman **Cagle** introduced *HB 1219* on behalf of Rep. **Lynn Ratigan Smith** of the 70th who was unable to attend the committee meeting. He explained that the bill would extend the annual sales tax holiday for school supplies and related purchases, as well as the purchase of energy efficient products for non-commercial use. The bill passed unanimously.

Health and Human Services

On Tuesday, March 14, the Committee was called to order by Chairman **Don Thomas** of the 54th. Rep. **Bob Smith** of the 113th introduced *House Bill 1112*, which updates current law for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Rep. **Smith** noted that the bill makes five changes: upgrade the educational requirement; grandfather currently licensed audiologists; adds one audiologist to the state licensing board; provides licensure for audiology assistants,

and regulates telehealth consulting by audiologists. Sen. **Johnny Grant** of the 25th, sponsor of the bill in the Senate, emphasized that this is not a scope of practice bill. **Helena Solodar** and **Katherine Pollard** with the Georgia Academy of Audiology spoke in favor of the legislation. The bill passed unanimously. **Wayne Garner**, representing Georgia physical therapists, introduced Dr. **Anne Thompson**, president of the Physical Therapists Association of Georgia, who introduced *HB 801*. The bill would allow a physical therapist to treat a patient without consulting a licensed physician when services provided are not related to the treatment of an injury or ailment or the patient was previously diagnosed and received treatment and the patient returns to therapy within 60 days of discharge. Chairman **Thomas** assigned Sens. **Judson Hill** of the 32nd, **Greg Goggans** of the 7th and **Horacena Tate** of the 38th to a subcommittee to study the bill further, and said that the Committee will vote on *SB 801* at a later date.

Rep. **Judy Manning** of the 32nd then introduced two bills, *HB 1066* and *HB 1092*. **Gina Simpson**, Deputy Director with the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) explained that *HB 1066* would increase the number of tests for newborn screening from nine to 26. Dr. **Stuart Brown**, Director of the Division of Public Health, DHR, joined Ms. **Simpson** and both emphasized the need to expand the number of tests, all of which are considered treatable if caught immediately after birth. Following questions from Sens. **Goggans**, **Don Balfour** of the 9th and **Steve Henson** of the 41st, **Mary Ann Henson**, program manager of the Div. of Public Health's Newborn Screening Program, also discussed the need for the testing. **Mike McConnell**, a parent and a representative of the March of Dimes, talked about the child he nearly lost because her disorder was not diagnosed at birth, and urged support of the bill. **Amy Hughes** with Memorial Health Hospital in Savannah spoke in favor of amending the bill to allow provider choice, and to look at outsourcing the program. Sen. **Goggans** introduced an amendment to allow other labs to perform the tests, and that no later than January 1, 2007, DHR issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) and subsequently award a contract to a Georgia laboratory to conduct tests, based on the bidding process. After additional discussion, the amendment was passed. Chairman **Thomas** presented an additional amendment regarding the fee, which also passed. The bill then passed unanimously as amended.

Rep. **Manning** then introduced **Ellyn Jeaager** with the National Mental Health Association who spoke on behalf of *HB 1092*. The bill would create the Suicide Prevention Program, to be managed by DHR's Division of Public Health. Attorney and Inner Harbor representative **Stan Jones** also spoke on the need for this program. The bill passed unanimously.

Higher Education

The Senate Higher Education Committee did not meet this week.

Insurance and Labor

Chairman **Ralph Hudgens** of the 47th called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 14. Rep. **Richard Smith** of the 131st presented *House Bill 1291*, which exempts automobile club services from state insurance regulations. **Allan Hayes**, Deputy Commissioner of Insurance, testified about the regulation of automobile clubs and voiced support for the legislation. The bill passed unanimously. Sen. **Seth Harp** of the 29th will carry *HB 1291* in the Senate. Rep. **Tom Knox** of the 24th introduced *HB 1257*, which eliminates a \$25.00 fee for insurers when filing a change of address. The bill also defines the qualifications of insurance counselors. The bill requires the business addresses of every licensed agent, subagent, counselor and adjuster to appear on the business license. Sen. **Don Balfour** of the 9th introduced a Committee Substitute, which allows insurers to pay emergency medical providers directly instead of billing the payee. The bill passed unanimously. Sen. **David Shafer** of the 48th will carry the bill in the Senate.

Interstate Cooperation

The Senate Interstate Cooperation Committee did not meet this week.

Judiciary

The Committee met on Tuesday, March 14. Chairman **Preston Smith** of the 52nd asked Representative **Mark Hatfield** of the 177th to present *HB 1496*, which changes the term of court in Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Coffee, Pierce and Ware counties in the Waycross Circuit. The bill passed unanimously. Rep. **Ellis Black** of the 174th and Sen. **Greg Goggans** of the 7th then presented *HB 692*, which ensures that a court does not banish a probationer to an area of the State that does not consist of at least one entire judicial circuit. The bill passed unanimously. *HB 376* was presented by Rep. **Barry Loudermilk** of the 14th. The bill would allow primary caretakers of children six years of age or younger and primary teachers in home study programs to be excused from jury duty. Sen. **Kasim Reed** of the 35th cautioned the Committee on the number of similar bills and the danger of reducing the jury pool. The bill passed unanimously. Sen. **Judson Hill** presented *HB 1421* on behalf of Rep. **Barry Fleming** of the 117th. The bill states that a demand for speedy trial in a criminal case must be filed as a separate pleading with the court where the case is pending. Fulton County Assistant District Attorney **Marc Mallon** walked the Committee through the bill. Sen. **Hill** of the 32nd made a motion to amend the bill and the bill, passed unanimously by Committee Substitute. The Committee then held a hearing on *HB 239*, which makes significant changes to the consequences for not accepting reasonable settlement offers in tort cases.

Natural Resources and Environment

The Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee will meet Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the Capitol.

Public Safety and Homeland Security

The Senate Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee did not meet this week.

Reapportionment and Redistricting

The Senate Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee did not meet this week.

Regulated Industries and Utilities

The Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee did not meet this week.

Retirement

The Senate Retirement Committee did not meet this week.

Rules

The Senate Rules Committee did not meet this week.

Science and Technology

The Senate Science and Technology Committee did not meet this week.

Special Judiciary

The Senate Special Judiciary Committee will meet Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 123 of the Capitol.

State and Local Governmental Operations

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 14, by Chairman **John Wiles** of the 37th. Rep. **Clay Cox** of the 102nd presented a Committee Substitute for *House Bill 950*. The bill prohibits state and local agencies from preventing any employee or student from engaging in the constitutional right of free speech, including the observance of any public or legal holiday. Rep. **Cox** said that the legislation was developed after some schools told their students that they were not allowed to use the phrase "Merry Christmas". Sen. **Ronnie Chance** of the 16th told the Committee that the bill received bipartisan support in the House. **Maggie Garrett** of the ACLU stated that she supports the bill, but does not believe that it goes far enough to protect free speech. The substitute was approved unanimously by the Committee. Sen. **Chance** will carry the bill in the Senate. Rep. **Sue Burmeister** of the 119th presented *HB 1435*, which is designed to make changes to Georgia's election laws to facilitate voting for the disabled. The legislation allows caregivers to help cast ballots, and eliminates language that requires a disabled person to sign a statement swearing that they are disabled. The Committee Substitute for the bill changes the effective date to January 1, 2007, to allow more time to implement the changes. It was approved unanimously. Sen. **Whitehead** of the 24th will carry this bill on the Senate floor.

State Institutions and Property

Chairman **Johnny Grant** of the 25th called the meeting to order on March 14. The Committee heard from Rep. **Terry Barnard** of the 166th, presenting *House Resolution 1259*. The resolution is the annual easement bill for state property sales. Sen. **Regina Thomas** of the 2nd expressed her concerns about easements for a natural gas pipeline in Chatham County, requesting more time to look over the bill. Chairman **Grant** tabled the resolution until the next meeting, so the information can be presented to the Committee. *HR 1395* was presented by Rep. **Barry Loudermilk** of the 14th. The resolution changes the name of the Capitol Post Office to the *Wiley T. Nixon Capitol Post Office*. The resolution was approved unanimously, and Chairman **Grant** stated that he would carry the resolution on the Senate floor.

Transportation

The Senate Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the Capitol Mezzanine.

Veterans and Military Affairs

The Senate Veterans and Military Affairs Committee did not meet this week.

Joint Senate Economic Development and Tourism and Lottery Oversight Committee

On Wednesday, March 15, Chairman **Jeff Mullis** of the 53rd called to order a Joint Senate Economic Development and Tourism and Lottery Oversight Committee meeting to hear a report on the Georgia Lottery. Sen. **Mullis** recognized Rep. **Roger Williams** of the 4th, Chairman of the House Regulated Industries Committee, and Rep. **Tom Dickson** with the House Economic Development and Tourism Committee, who offered an opening prayer. Chairman **Mullis** introduced **Margaret DeFrancisco**, President and CEO of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, who gave a brief update of the newest games and the success of the program. She noted that this year's numbers should break last year's record, both in sales and in funding for both HOPE and pre-K. **Rick Gates**, Vice President for Business Development and Public Affairs, and **Charlie Scannella**, Senior Regional Director, with Scientific Games then spoke, expressing their appreciation for the continued support of the legislature. They gave a brief overview of the company, noting that they had 3500 employees in Georgia. They also discussed the technology and security involved in making the games virtually fraud proof. **Jim Tudor** with the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores noted that 70 percent of all lottery sales are made in the convenience stores and praised the success of the program.

Georgia State Senate First Readers

(Thursday, March 9 - Wednesday, March 15, 2006)

Senate Resolutions

- SR 1113** Student Loans; create Senate Study Committee
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **John Wiles** (37th)
Rules Committee – 03/09/06
- SR 1115** Scipio, Tony; congratulate
Sen. **Gloria Butler** (55th)
Read and Adopted – 03/13/06
- SR 1116** Guaranteed Admission to the University System of Georgia; create Senate Study Committee
Sen. **Seth Harp** (29th)
Rules Committee – 03/09/06
- SR 1118** Georgia School Boards; urged to consider using the video “A More Perfect Union”
Sen. **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Education and Youth Committee – 03/09/06
- SR 1119** Museum of Arts and Sciences in Macon; recognize
Sens. **Cecil Staton** (18th) and **Robert Brown** (26th)
Read and Adopted – 03/09/06
- SR 1120** Guy, Dianne; commend
Sen. **Bill Heath** (31st)
Read and Adopted – 03/09/06
- SR 1121** Jones, Deputy Sheriff Steven; commend
Sen. **John Bulloch** (11th)
Read and Adopted – 03/09/06
- SR 1122** Ernstes, Ryan; honoring
Sens. **Bill Stephens** (27th) and **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and Adopted – 03/09/06
- SR 1123** Braselton, Town of; commemorating
Sens. **Casey Cagle** (49th) and **Brian Kemp** (46th)
Read and Adopted – 03/09/06
- SR 1124** Penninger, Mrs. Mary Ann; condolences
Sen. **Dan Moody** (56th)
Read and Adopted – 03/09/06
- SR 1125** Uninsured Motorist Coverages; create Senate Study Committee
Sens. **Cecil Staton** (18th); **Seth Harp** (29th); **Chip Rogers** (21st)
and **David Shafer** (48th)
Rules Committee – 03/09/06
- SR 1126** Stevens, Mr. Adam Michael; condolences
Sens. **Curt Thompson** (5th); **Steve Thompson** (33rd); **Steve Henson** (41st);
Gloria Butler (55th); **Robert Brown** (26th); **David Adelman** (42nd)
and others
Read and Adopted – 03/09/06

- SR 1127** U.S. Dept. of Defense; urged to take action to cause commissary/post exchange on Fort Gillem to remain open
Sen. **John Douglas** (17th)
Veteran and Military Affairs Committee – 03/09/06
- SR 1128** Peach County High School Trojans Football Team; commend
Sen. **George Hooks** (14th)
Read and Adopted – 03/09/06
- SR 1129** Minerals Management Service; urged to include all outer continental shelf planning areas; offshore development
Sens. **Judson Hill** (32nd); **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Preston Smith** (52nd); **John Wiles** (37th); **Ronnie Chance** (16th); **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th) and others
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 03/09/06
- SR 1131** Jefferson, City of; recognize
Sen. **Ralph Hudgens** (47th)
Read and Adopted – 03/13/06
- SR 1132** Statesboro High School Blue Devils Football Team; congratulate
Sen. **Jack Hill** (4th) and **Ross Tolleson** (20th)
Read and Adopted – 03/13/06
- SR 1133** President/U.S. Congress; urged to pass meaningful changes to protect threatened/endangered species
Sen. **John Bulloch**; **Brian Kemp** (46th); **Ralph Hudgens** (47th) and **Chip Pearson** (51st)
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 03/13/06
- SR 1134** Mental Health Screening in Public School; create Senate Study Committee
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50th)
Health and Human Services Committee – 03/13/06
- SR 1135** Schmidt, Dr. Robert; recognize
Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** (50th)
Read and Adopted – 03/13/06
- SR 1136** Legal Representation of DFCS by Special Assistant Attorneys General; create Senate Study Committee
Sen. **Renee Unterman** (45th)
Rules Committee – 03/13/06
- SR 1137** Georgia Department of Public Health; Examination of the Mission; create Joint Study Committee
Sen. **Renee Unterman** (45th)
Rules Committee – 03/13/06
- SR 1138** Galloway, Mrs. Virginia; commend
Sens. **Bill Heath** (31st) and **Bill Hamrick** (30th)
Read and Adopted – 03/13/06
- SR 1139** Human Resources, Dept. of; urged to provide for stillborn birth certificate
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10th) and **Steen Miles** (43rd)
Health and Human Services Committee – 03/13/06
- SR 1140** Richardson, Honorable Eleanor L.; condolences
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 03/13/06

- SR 1141** Kandrach, Ms. Anna Houghton; commend
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 03/13/06
- SR 1142** Bundschu, Ms. Susan; commend
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 03/13/06
- SR 1143** Sheppard, Peggy; recognize
Sen. **George Hooks** (14th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1144** Bell, Cordiary; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1145** Richardson, Antonio; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1146** Rodriquez, Justin; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1147** Hall, Matt; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1148** McVay, Will; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1149** Ingram, Darren; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1150** Hudson, Trevione; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1151** Bradley, James; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1152** Scott, Desmond; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1154** University of West Georgia; recognize
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1153** Pickett, Juan; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1155** Swinney, Pastor Scottie; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06

- SR 1156** Links, Incorporated; commend
Sen. **Ed Tarver** (22nd)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1157** Ledbetter, James G. "Jim"; recognize
Sens. **Brian Kemp** (46th) and **Ralph Hudgens** (47th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1158** Daniel B. Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources; recognize
Sens. **Brian Kemp** (46th); **Ross Tolleson** (20th); **John Bulloch** (11th);
Seth Harp (29th); **Chip Pearson** (51st) and **Ralph Hudgens** (47th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1159** Griffin, DeVante; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1160** Henderson, Dorian; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1161** Baron, C.J.; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1162** Taylor, Alan; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1163** Baker, Rev. Wayne D.; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1164** McCorvey, Rev. Albert; recognize
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1165** Roberson, Rev. Joseph; recognize
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1166** Cook, Dr. Henry; recognize
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1167** Jackson, Billy; commend
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1168** Williams, Mr. Harry; honoring
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1169** J.D. Davis Elementary School; congratulate
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1170** National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility; urge Governor to continue pursuit;
expressing Senate's support of his efforts
Sens. **Brian Kemp** (46th); **David Adelman** (42nd); **Casey Cagle** (49th);
Ralph Hudgens (47th); **David Shafer** (48th); **Jeff Mullis** (53rd) and others
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/14/06

- SR 1171** Bowles, Bill; Wynfield Plantation; recognize
Sens. **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th) and **George Hooks** (14th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1172** Freeman, Everette J.; recognize
Sen. **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1173** Albany Museum of Arts; Director Aaron Berger; commend
Sen. **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1174** Claypool IV, Rev. Dr. John Rowan; condolences
Sen. **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1175** Haney, Mr. Lee; commend
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **Steen Miles** (43rd); **J.B. Powell** (23rd);
Robert Brown (26th); **Steve Henson** (41st); **Ronnie Chance** (16th)
and others
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1176** CA: Penny for the Kids Trust Funds; imposition of state sales tax; health care
coverage for all Georgia children
Sen. **Curt Thompson** (5th)
Finance Committee – 03/14/06
- SR 1177** Crump, Charles Tyler; commend
Sen. **Curt Thompson** (5th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1178** Hudgins, Christopher John; commend
Sen. **Curt Thompson** (5th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1179** Tauzin, Mr. Billy; commend
Sens. **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **John Wiles** (37th)
and **Don Balfour** (9th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1180** Atlanta Motor Speedway Day at the Capitol
Sens. **Tommie Williams** (19th); **John Douglas** (17th); **Eric Johnson** (1st)
and **Casey Cagle** (49th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1181** 2006 Senate Aides; commend
Sens. **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Tommie Williams** (19th)
and **Robert Brown** (26th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1182** Senate Interns; 2006 Regular Session; commend
Sens. **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Tommie Williams** (19th)
and **Robert Brown** (26th)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1183** Remote Service Terminal (ATM) Safety; create Senate Study Committee
Sens. **John Wiles** (37th); **Judson Hill** (32nd) and **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Rules Committee – 03/14/06
- SR 1184** Sorenson, Mr. Reed; commend
Sens. **Ronnie Chance** (16th); **John Douglas** (17th); **Chip Rogers** (21st);
Casey Cagle (49th); **Joseph Carter** (13th); **Brian Kemp** (46th) and others
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06

- SR 1185** Board of Registrars; urged to be opened no less than eight hours on last day citizens may register to vote; promote participation
Sens. **Ed Tarver** (22nd); **Gloria Butler** (55th); **Ed Harbison** (15th); **Robert Brown** (26th) and **Doug Stoner** (6th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- SR 1186** Gaines IV, Marx Reid; recognize birth
Sen. **John Bulloch** (11th)
Read and Adopted – 03/15/06
- SR 1187** American Red Cross Month; proclaim March 2006
Sens. **David Shafer** (48th); **Don Thomas** (54th); **Brian Kemp** (46th); **Dan Weber** (40th); **Casey Cagle** (49th) and **J.B. Powell** (23rd)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06
- SR 1188** West Georgia Drug Task Force; recognize
Sen. **Bill Hamrick** (30th)
Read and Adopted – 03/15/06
- SR 1189** Fonda, Ms. Jane; commend
Sens. **Steen Miles** (43rd); **Valencia Seay** (34th); **Regina Thomas** (2nd); **Gloria Butler** (55th) and **Robert Brown** (26th)
Read and Adopted – 03/15/06
- SR 1190** Columbia High School Eagles Basketball Team; recognize
Sens. **Steen Miles** (43rd); **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **Dan Weber** (40th) and **Gloria Butler** (55th)
Read and Adopted – 03/15/06
- SR 1191** Douglas County Meth Task Force; recognize
Sen. **Bill Hamrick** (30th)
Read and Adopted – 03/15/06
- SR 1192** Columbus Day at the Capitol; recognize March 16, 2006
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 03/15/06
- SR 1193** Operation One Voice; Special Operations Forces Run; commend
Sen. **Don Balfour** (9th)
Read and Adopted – 03/15/06
- SR 1194** Association County Commissioners; Georgia Municipal Association; applaud
Sen. **Don Balfour** (9th)
State and Local Governmental Operations– 03/15/06
- SR 1195** Environmental Protection Division;
urged to allow electric generation peaking facilities
Sen. **Casey Cagle** (49th)
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 03/15/06
- SR 1196** Hollingshed, Mrs. Mary Louise; honoring
Sen. **Bill Heath** (31st)
Read and Adopted – 03/15/06
- SR 1197** Atlanta Motor Speedway at the Capitol; designate March 16, 2006
Sen. **John Douglas** (17th)
Read and Adopted – 03/15/06

Senate Bills

- SB 660** Grady County; board of education; provide for compensation of members
Sen. **John Bulloch** (11th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/09/06
- SB 661** Medicaid; recipients; estate recovery; provide for hardship waivers for certain circumstances
Sens. **J.B. Powell** (23rd) and **Ed Tarver** (22nd)
Judiciary Committee – 03/09/06
- SB 662** Motor Vehicles; require establishment of website for stolen/towed vehicles; Dept. of Revenue; law enforcement agencies; penalties
Sen. **Curt Thompson** (5th)
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/09/06
- SB 663** Gwinnett County Arts Facility Authority; change number of times authority shall meet
Sens. **Curt Thompson** (5th); **Renee Unterman** (45th); **Dan Weber** (40th); **Don Balfour** (9th); **David Shafer** (48th); **Steve Henson** (41st) and others
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/09/06
- SB 664** *Pickens County Airport Authority Act*; confer powers; impose duties; membership
Sen. **Chip Pearson** (51st)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/13/06
- SB 665** Protection of Elder Persons; criminal neglect; provide for penalties; definitions
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Judiciary Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 666** Milledgeville, City of; transaction of business of city council; enact matters; provide for meetings; duties/powers of mayor
Sen. **Johnny Grant** (25th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 667** Clayton County; chief magistrate; provide salary
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 668** Probate Court of Clayton County; judge; change compensation
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 669** Clayton Judicial Circuit; judge of juvenile court; compensation from state funds/Clayton County
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 670** State Court of Clayton County; solicitor-general employ; compensation; provide qualifications
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 671** Clayton County; Board of Education; chairperson/members; change compensation
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 672** Clayton County; tax commissioner; salary; change provisions
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06

- SB 673** Clayton Judicial Circuit; judges of superior court; increase county supplement to state salary
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 674** Superior Court of Clayton County; clerk; increase salary
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 675** State Court of Clayton County; clerk; increase compensation
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 676** Superior Court of Clayton County; sheriff; compensation; change provisions
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 677** State Court of Clayton County; provide salaries of the judges; solicitor-general; county supplement; conditions
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 678** Clayton Judicial Circuit; county supplement; change amount
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 679** Ethics; elected executive officer; prohibit accepting a contribution from an affiliated corporation of a regulated entity
Sens. **Doug Stoner** (6th); **Curt Thompson** (5th); **Steve Henson** (41st) and **Horacena Tate** (38th)
Ethics Committee – 03/14/06
- SB 680** Decatur County; board of commissioners; comprehensive restatement
Sen. **John Bulloch** (11th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/15/06

House Resolutions

- HR 30** Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; retirement credit; funding – CA
Rep. **Tyrone Brooks** (63rd); **Bill Cummings** (16th); **Willie Talton** (145th); **Larry O'Neal** (146th) and **Earnest Williams** (89th)
Retirement Committee – 03/14/06
- HR 773** Sales tax for educational purposes; authorization under certain conditions - CA
Reps. **Jan Jones** (46th); **Earl Ehrhart** (36th); **Brooks Coleman** (97th); **Howard Maxwell** (17th); **Timothy Bearden** (68th) and **Ronald Forster** (3rd)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/13/06
- HR 1094** Sales and use and motor fuel taxes; aviation fuel; revenue provisions – CA
Reps. **Chuck Scheid** (22nd); **Bob Smith** (113th); **Bill Cummings** (16th); **Carl Rogers** (26th); **Ben Harbin** (118th) and **Charlice Byrd** (20th)
Appropriations Committee – 03/14/06
- HR 1299** Trauma care; trust fund; provisions – CA
Reps. **Ron Stephens** (164th); **Sue Burmeister** (119th); **David Graves** (137th); **Mickey Channell** (116th); **Earl Carter** (159th) and **Jeff Brown** (69th)
Appropriations Committee – 03/14/06

- HR 1306** Condemnation of property; redevelopment purposes; approved by vote; require – CA
Reps. **Rich Golick** (34th); **Wendell Willard** (49th); **Glenn Richardson** (19th); **Jay Roberts** (154th); **Vance Smith** (129th) and **Steve Davis** (109th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/13/06
- HR 1339** Infrastructure development districts; General Assembly; authorize creation-CA
Reps. **Larry O’Neal** (146th); **Richard Royal** (171st) and **DuBose Porter** (143rd)
Economic Development Committee – 03/14/06
- HR 1491** Private James Boggan Memorial Bridge; name
Rep. **Chuck Sims** (169th)
Transportation Committee – 03/13/06
- HR 1548** Chambers Crossing; dedicate
Reps. **Ed Rynders** (152nd) and **Bob Hanner** (148th)
Transportation Committee – 03/13/06
- HR 1551** Joint Comprehensive Water Desalination Study Committee; create
Rep. **Ron Stephens** (164th); **Lynn Smith** (70th); **Cecily Hill** (180th); **Bob Lane** (158th); **Jon Burns** (157th) and **Roger Lane** (167th)
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 03/14/06
- HR 1661** Hershel Stokes Memorial Overpass; dedicate
Rep. **Mark Hatfield** (177th)
Transportation Committee – 03/14/06
- HR 1798** Sumner, Wayne H.; condolences
Reps. **Morris** (156th); **Butch Parrish** (156th) and **DuBose Porter** (143rd)
Read and Adopted – 03/14/06

House Bills

- HB 111** Sales and use tax; change certain definitions
Rep. **Larry O’Neal** (146th)
Finance Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 239** Civil practice; settlement offers; litigation costs
Reps. **Barry Fleming** (117th); **Jerry Keen** (179th); **Mark Burkhalter** (50th); **Butch Parrish** (156th); **Sharon Cooper** (41st) and **Sue Burmeister** (119th)
Judiciary Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 304** Business and occupation tax; certain regulatory fees by local governments
Reps. **Sue Burmeister** (119th); **John Yates** (73rd); **Jay Shaw** (176th); **Bill Cummings** (16th) and **Tom Rice** (51st)
Finance Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 338** Hunting; primitive weapons; amend provisions
Reps. **Pete Warren** (122nd); **Charles Jenkins** (8th); **Jon Burns** (157th); **Al Williams** (165th); **Hinson Mosley** (178th) and **Cecily Hill** (180th)
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 379** Employees' Retirement; disability benefits; eligibility provisions
Reps. **Ben Bridges** (10th) and **Bill Cummings** (16th)
Retirement Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 429** Setoff debt collection; claimant agencies; include public housing authorities
Reps. **Tommy Smith** (168th); **Carl Rogers** (26th); **Judy Manning** (32nd); **Terry Coleman** (144th) and **David Graves** (137th)
Finance Committee – 03/14/06

- HB 483** Teachers Retirement; credit for prior service
Reps. **Bob Lane** (158th); **Butch Parrish** (156th) and **Jon Burns** (157th)
Retirement Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 547** Impact fees; single family construction; provide maximum
Reps. **John Lunsford** (110th) and **Hinson Mosley** (178th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 582** Employees' Retirement; temporary full-time service; obtain creditable service
Reps. **Hinson Mosley** (178th) and **Bill Cummings** (16th)
Retirement Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 654** All-terrain vehicles; additional definitions; provisions
Reps. **Bobby Reece** (98th); **Mike Coan** (101st); **Gene Maddox** (172nd)
and **Stephanie Benfield** (85th)
Transportation Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 695** *Disabled Assistants Act*; authorize permits for certain wild animals
Reps. **Doug Holt** (112th) and **James Mills** (25th)
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 710** Special license plates; identifying persons with diabetes
Reps. **Charles Jenkins** (8th); **Ben Bridges** (10th); **David Ralston** (7th):
Jay Roberts (154th); **Timothy Bearden** (68th) and **Ronald Forster** (3rd)
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 731** Judicial Retirement; juvenile court judge; creditable service
Reps. **Ron Borders** (175th) and **Ellis Black** (174th)
Retirement Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 834** Sales tax exemption; fuel for certain swine raising purposes
Reps. **Jay Roberts** (154th); **Richard Royal** (171st); **Johnny Floyd** (147th);
Tom McCall (30th); **Bob Lane** (158th) and **Ellis Black** (174th)
Finance Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 841** Sales tax exemption; qualified job training organizations
Reps. **Ron Stephens** (164th); **Burke Day** (163rd); **David Graves** (137th);
Carolyn Hugley (133rd) and **Ronald Forster** (3rd)
Finance Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 848** Homestead exemption; senior citizens; actual levy amount
Reps. **Mark Butler** (18th); **Howard Maxwell** (17th); **Terry England** (108th);
Jay Roberts (154th) and **Ron Stephens** (164th)
Finance Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 873** Physician's assistants; public health or state of emergency; render assistance
Reps. **Len Walker** (107th); **Sistie Hudson** (124th); **Burke Day** (163rd)
and **Joe Wilkinson** (52nd)
Health and Human Services Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 874** Public disclosure of records; certain exception; clarify
Reps. **Jill Chambers** (81st); **Mike Jacobs** (80th); **Fran Millar** (79th);
Wendell Willard (49th) and **David Ralston** (7th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 893** Sales tax; educational purposes; amend certain provisions
Reps. **Jan Jones** (46th); **Earl Ehrhart** (36th); **Brooks Coleman** (97th);
Howard Maxwell (17th) and **Ronald Forster** (3rd)
Finance Committee – 03/13/06

- HB 907** *Wholesale Licensure and Prescription Medication Integrity Act; enact*
Rep. **Stacey Reece** (27th)
Health and Human Services Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 910** Cemeteries and funeral services; amend certain provisions
Reps. **Carl Rogers** (26th) and **David Graves** (137th)
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 953** Law enforcement officer; change definition
Reps. **Jill Chambers** (81st); **Harry Geisinger** (48th); **Burke Day** (163rd)
and **Timothy Bearden** (68th)
Appropriations Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1006** Prestige license plates; Breast Cancer; distribution of renewal fees
Reps. **Kathy Ashe** (56th) and **Mable Thomas** (55th)
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 1008** "Georgia Hospice Law"; palliative care; amend provisions
Rep. **Earl Carter** (159th)
Health and Human Services Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1030** Excise tax; furnishing of public accommodations; change provisions
Rep. **Vance Smith, Jr.** (129th)
Finance Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 1044** Firearms; carrying and possession; municipal and city court judges; amend
provisions
Reps. **Mike Cheokas** (134th); **Terry Barnard** (166th); **Bob Lane** (158th);
John Lunsford (110th); **Ronald Forster** (3rd) and **Billy Horne** (71st)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1073** Houston Judicial District; number of judges; provisions
Reps. **Larry O'Neal** (146th); **Willie Talton** (145th); **Robert Ray** (136th)
and **Johnny Floyd** (147th)
Judiciary Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 1090** Public works; exercise of power to contract by Department of Transportation;
amend
Reps. **Ben Harbin** (118th); **Barry Fleming** (117th); **Sue Burmeister** (119th)
and **Carl Rogers** (126th)
Transportation Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 1120** Dealers' sales and use tax; estimated liability; change provisions
Reps. **Scott Martin** (2nd); **David Knight** (126th); **Tom Graves** (12th);
Virgil Fludd (66th); **Jay Neal** (1st) and **Ronald Forster** (3rd)
Finance Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 1121** Sales and use tax exemption; National Infantry Museum and Heritage Park;
provisions
Reps. **Richard Smith** (131st); **Vance Smith** (129th); **John Yates** (73rd);
Pete Warren (122nd); **Tommy Smith** (168th) and **Bob Hanner** (148th)
Finance Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1160** Taxable net income; certain companies; provide adjustments
Reps. **David Knight** (126th); **Steve Tumlin** (38th); **Howard Mosby** (90th)
and **Larry O'Neal** (146th)
Finance Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1168** Winery; tasting room; permit sales
Reps. **Ron Stephens** (164th); **Mark Burkhalter** (50th);
Butch Parrish (156th) and **Amos Amerson** (9th)
Economic Development Committee – 03/14/06

- HB 1178** Prescription drugs; unused; medically indigent persons; establish program
Reps. **Cecily Hill** (180th); **Mickey Channell** (116th); **Sharon Cooper** (41st);
Jeff Brown (69th); **Charles Jenkins** (8th) and **Gene Maddox** (172nd)
Health and Human Services Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 1193** Vehicles; false or secret compartments; prohibit owning or operating
Reps. **David Knight** (126th); **Tom Rice** (51st); **Brooks Coleman** (97th);
David Ralston (7th) and **Willie Talton** (145th)
Judiciary Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1195** Civil case; complaints and judgments; change provisions
Reps. **Wendell Willard** (49th); **Steve Tumlin** (38th);
Wendell Wilkinson (52nd); **Harry Geisinger** (48th);
Edward Lindsey (54th) and **Mary Oliver** (83rd)
Judiciary Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1216** All-terrain vehicles; law enforcement agencies; allow use
Reps. **Allen Freeman** (140th); **Tom Rice** (51st); **DuBose Porter** (143rd);
Willie Talton (145th); **Charlice Byrd** (20th) and **Mark Hatfield** (177th)
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1223** County Board of Health; contracts; revise certain provisions
Reps. **Jeff Brown** (69th); **Sharon Cooper** (41st); **Larry O’Neal** (146th);
Terry Coleman (144th); **Carl Epps** (128th) and **Ron Stephens** (164th)
Health and Human Services Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1227** Agricultural Education Oversight Commission; create
Reps. **Terry England** (108th); **Brooks Coleman** (97th); **Tom McCall** (30th);
Jay Roberts (154th); **Ellis Black** (174th) and **Tommy Benton** (31st)
Education and Youth Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1228** Career and Technical Education Oversight Commission; create
Reps. **Terry England** (108th); **Brooks Coleman** (97th); **Tom McCall** (30th);
Jay Roberts (154th); **Ellis Black** (174th) and **Tommy Benton** (31st)
Higher Education Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1239** Education; annual instruction in criminal law; require
Reps. **Ed Seltzer** (35th); **Jerry Keen** (179th); **Mable Thomas** (55th);
Howard Maxwell (17th); **Jeff May** (111th) and **Barry Loudermilk** (14th)
Education and Youth Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1244** Motor fuel; public mass transit; change certain provisions
Reps. **Martin Scott** (2nd); **Stacey Reece** (27th); **Jill Chambers** (81st);
Roger Williams (4th); **Tom Graves** (12th) and **Jay Neal** (1st)
Finance Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1246** State flag; deceased Georgia elected state officials; provide
Reps. **E. Ernestine Howard** (121st) and **Quincy Murphy** (120th)
Rules Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 1248** Alcoholic beverages; comprehensive revision of provisions; provide
Reps. **Roger Williams** (4th); **Tom Dickson** (6th) and **Steve Tumlin** (38th)
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1249** Ad valorem taxation exemption; watercraft in inventory; provide
Reps. **Stacey Reece** (27th); **Ron Stephens** (164th); **Mickey Channell** (116th);
Carl Rogers (26th); **James Mills** (25th) and **Burke Day** (163rd)
Finance Committee – 03/14/06

- HB 1259** Private detectives and private security officers; licensing; revise
Reps. **Calvin Hill** (21st); **Sue Burmeister** (119th); **Burke Day** (163rd)
and **David Ralston** (7th)
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1273** Security deposits; escrow accounts; change certain provisions
Reps. **Larry O'Neal** (146th); **Willie Talton** (145th) and **Greg Morris** (155th)
Special Judiciary Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1279** Probate court; certain employees; state health benefit plan; provisions
Reps. **Mark Butler** (18th); **Richard Smith** (131st); **Donna Sheldon** (105th);
Tommy Smith (168th) and **Wendell Willard** (49th)
Insurance and Labor Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1282** Deeds; recording; provisions
Reps. **David Ralston** (7th) and **Larry O'Neal** (146th)
Special Judiciary Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1290** Telephone service provider; customer records; prohibit sale or transfer
Reps. **Cecily Hill** (180th); **Jeff Lewis** (15th); **Roger Lane** (167th)
and **Bob Lane** (158th)
Science and Technology Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1294** Education; nonlapsing revenue of institutions; change certain provisions
Reps. **Bob Smith** (113th); **Johnny Floyd** (147th) and **Richard Royal** (171st)
Higher Education Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1301** Sales and use tax exemption; certain food and groceries; food bank; provide
Reps. **Charles Martin** (47th); **Richard Royal** (117th); **Jill Chambers** (81st);
Paul Jennings (82nd); **Martin Scott** (2nd) and **Ronald Forster** (3rd)
Finance Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 1302** *Georgia Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act*; change certain provisions
Reps. **David Casas** (103rd); **Barry Fleming** (117th); **Melvin Everson** (106th);
Mike Coan (101st); **Bobby Reese** (98th) and **Clay Cox** (102nd)
Judiciary Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1305** Seed-Capital Fund; investments; provisions
Reps. **Amos Amerson** (9th); **Ron Stephens** (164th); **Bob Smith** (113th);
Richard Royal (171st) and **Ronald Forster** (3rd)
Finance Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1307** Georgia Register; publication; change certain provisions
Reps. **Barry Loudermilk** (14th); **Charles Martin** (47th); **Jeff Lewis** (15th);
Charlice Byrd (20th); **Melvin Everson** (106th) and **Allen Freeman** (140th)
Science and Technology Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1313** Eminent domain; comprehensive revision of provisions; provide
Reps. **Rich Golick** (34th); **Wendell Willard** (49th);
Glenn Richardson (19th); **Jay Roberts** (154th); **Vance Smith** (129th)
and **Steve Davis** (109th)
Judiciary Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 1316** High School Athletics Overview Committee; create
Reps. **Charles Martin** (47th); **Jay Roberts** (154th); **Stan Watson** (91st);
Mark Burkhalter (50th); **Butch Parrish** (156th)
and **Donna Sheldon** (105th)
Education and Youth Committee – 03/13/06

- HB 1318** Board and Department of Corrections; employee benefits; provisions
Reps. **Terry Barnard** (166th)
State Institutions and Properties Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1320** Environmental offenses; littering; revise provisions
Reps. **Lynn Smith** (70th); **Mark Burkhalter** (50th); **David Ralston** (7th);
Wendell Willard (49th); **Tom Rice** (51st) and **Allen Freeman** (140th)
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 1323** Local government; infrastructure development districts; provide
Reps. **Larry O'Neal** (146th); **Jerry Keen** (179th); **Richard Royal** (171st)
and **DuBose Porter** (143rd)
Economic Development Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1335** Law enforcement officer; hiring; first offender record; review
Reps. **Burke Day** (163rd); **Mack Crawford** (127th); **Amos Amerson** (9th);
Billy Horne (71st); **Bob Hanner** (148th) and **Lynmore James** (135th)
Judiciary Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1341** Alpharetta, City of; homestead exemption; provisions
Reps. **Charles Martin** (47th) and **Jan Jones** (46th)
State and Local Governmental Operations – 03/13/06
- HB 1359** Georgia Assignment Pool Underwriting Authority; create
Reps. **Ronald Forster** (3rd); **John Meadows** (5th); **Tom Knox** (24th)
and **Ben Harbin** (118th)
Insurance and Labor Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1361** Redevelopment Powers Law; change certain definitions
Reps. **Charles Martin** (47th); **Richard Royal** (171st); **David Graves** (137th)
and **Joe Wilkinson** (52nd)
Finance Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1371** The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights; enact
Reps. **David Graves** (137th); **Earl Carter** (159th); **Ben Harbin** (118th);
Ron Stephens (164th) and **Butch Parrish** (156th)
Insurance and Labor Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1372** State health benefit plans; termination of coverage; provisions
Rep. **Ben Harbin** (118th)
Insurance and Labor Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1391** State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors;
change provisions
Rep. **Mark Burkhalter** (50th)
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1392** Drivers; right of way violation; collision; provide penalties
Reps. **Bill Hembree** (67th); **Tom Rice** (51st); **Jack Murphy** (23rd)
and **John Yates** (73rd)
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1403** Sales and use tax; certifying additional municipalities; change provisions
Rep. **Charles Martin** (47th)
Finance Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1412** Certain government vehicles; clean and renewable fuels; require use
Reps. **Tommy Smith** (168th); **Hinson Mosley** (178th);
Ron Stephens (164th); **Richard Royal** (171st) and **Ben Bridges** (10th)
Transportation Committee – 03/14/06

- HB 1417** Administrative Office of the Courts; assist board of jury commissioners; allow
Reps. **David Ralston** (7th); **Barry Fleming** (117th); **Robert Mumford** (95th)
and **Mack Crawford** (127th)
Judiciary Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1421** Demand for trial; defendant present in court; require
Reps. **Barry Fleming** (117th); **David Ralston** (7th)
and **Mark Hatfield** (177th)
Judiciary Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 1423** Gwinnett County; superior court; change terms
Rep. **Clay Cox** (102nd)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1424** Dogs; hunting; change certain provisions
Reps. **Tommy Smith** (168th); **Al Williams** (165th); **Mark Hatfield** (177th);
Chuck Sims (169th); **Jay Roberts** (154th) and **Stan Watson** (91st)
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 03/14/06
- HB 1435** Voting; persons with disabilities; provisions
Reps. **Sue Burmeister** (119th); **Jeff Brown** (69th); **John Lunsford** (110th)
and **Len Walker** (107th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/13/06
- HB 1436** Wine; restaurant patrons; resealed partially consumed bottle; authorize
Reps. **Bob Smith** (113th); **Earl Ehrhart** (36th); **Jill Chambers** (81st);
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